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Temple City Man Sentenced to Prison for Sexually Assaulting Girls

A 50-year-old man was sentenced today to three years and eight months in state prison for sexually abusing three teenage girls in El Monte, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office announced.

At today's court appearance, Derick Lee of Temple City pleaded guilty to three counts: sexual penetration by foreign object, lewd act upon a child and child molesting in case KA109622.

In addition to the prison sentence, Los Angeles County Superior Court Commissioner Wade Olson also ordered the defendant to register as a sex offender for life.

Deputy District Attorney Kelsey McKeever-Unger, who prosecuted the case, said at the time of the crimes, Lee was a martial arts instructor at Elite Kung Fu in El Monte.

Between July 2014 and April 2015, Lee sexually assaulted and inappropriately touched three teenage girls who were his students.

In April 2015, one of the victims revealed Lee had sexually abused her. Authorities began an investigation into her account and learned there were two additional victims.

Lee was subsequently arrested and charged.

The case was investigated by the El Monte Police Department.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.